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**NEW CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION
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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,212, entitled "Electroactive Polymeric Assist Device" and filed on February 28, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/681,821, entitled "VASCULAR ASSIST DEVICE AND METHODS" and filed on October 7, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/416,477, entitled "VASCULAR ASSIST DEVICE" and filed on October 7, 2002, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

The enclosed continuation-in-part is entitled:

VASCULAR ASSIST DEVICE AND METHODS

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and including:

- ☒ 76 pages of description (before the claims);
 - ☒ 24 pages of claims (197 total claims; 16 independent claims);
 - ☒ One (1) Sheet of Abstract;
 - ☒ 62 sheets of formal drawing(s) including
Figures 1 through 62; and
 - ☒ Return receipt postcard.
- ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

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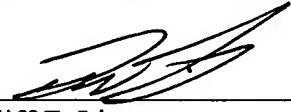
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